

Norfolk Green Care Network

Nature First!



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You will probably be well aware of the stresses and strains on children and young people over the past couple of years. Missed schooling, less socialising with friends, and more screen time. On the plus side, during lockdowns many families did get out to connect with nature more and we have the prospect of a new GCSE on 'Natural History' coming along in the next few years. And there's a national campaign by more than 60 nature, planning, health and equality organisations - 'Nature For Everyone' - calling for a 'legal right to nature' to be a key component of the Government's Levelling Up reforms.

You probably don't need to be convinced of the benefits to children and young people of connecting with nature: in 2019 a large scale study into Wildlife Trust activities for primary age children revealed that well over three quarters of those surveyed: learned something new about the natural world felt that their experience could help their school work, were capable of doing new things when they tried, were more confident in themselves and had better relationships with their teachers and class mates

So what can we do locally?

We want to engage childcare providers, nurseries, schools, youth groups and green care organisations and projects in developing a campaign to promote nature connection, expand the range of opportunities available and provide support to make these happen. We are holding an initial 'curtain raiser' online event to inspire, explore and begin planning the campaign and then to follow this up with a partnership approach to its development, aiming for a full launch in the Autumn.

Want to find out more and possibly get involved? Register for the online event on 21st June 4pm-5.30pm by clicking [here](#)



Phase

All

Date

21/06/2022

Time

16:00-17:30

Venue

Online Event

Fee

No Charge